- Short distances between intersections which prohibit the establishment of an efficient signalization system. This results in much travel-time delay and reduces the capacity of the available travel lanes.
- Interference caused by on-street parking and by abutting commercial development.
- Lack of adequate number of travel lanes.

Since Main Street is the only continuous north-south street in the urban area and since it passes through the heart of the central business district, a major portion of all intra-urban and through traffic movements are forced to use it.

Other streets which are carrying the higher traffic volumes within the urban area are: Howard Avenue (1,650 to 4,100 VPD), Wilson Street (2,550 to 3,300 VPD), and St. James Street (2,100 to 2,700 VPD). These streets have adequate capacity for the existing traffic volumes.

It is anticipated that the State Highway Commission will conduct an external origin-destination survey at Tarboro sometime during the current year. The primary purpose of the survey will be to gather data necessary for the planning of improvements for the principal highways leading into and through the urban area. Also, the survey will gather much data that will be of use in further analysis of the street system within the corporate limits.